

Spring Lake Township

Proposed Changes to the Prior Lake Annexation Proposal

Area & Year

1. Consistent with the principle that timing of the annexation should coincide with Prior Lake's ability to provide services, the Sunset Ave. area originally scheduled for 2004 should be changed to 2006. Other areas should also have their year adjusted based on the reasonable expectation of availability of service to an area. We will also remove the area South of 185th St.
2. If water and sewer service is not in close proximity to an area (within 150 feet) the annexation will be postponed until it is in close proximity. *For informational purpose: An area would have to be annexed before August 1 in a given year for the tax levy to switch to the City rate for the following year.*

Zoning & Regulations

3. While PL will have jurisdiction over subdivision and building permits in the new orderly annexation area, prior to actual annexation the County and Township land use regulations will apply. *Farm animals, snowmobiles, vehicle storage, firearms, permitted uses etc.*
4. We request clarification on PL regulations on wells. Lawn sprinkling, pool filling etc. Clearly stating that homeowners can keep their existing wells, and for what uses they can use the water would help.
5. We suggest that Prior Lake adopt a policy similar to Spring Lake Townships on permitting residents with newer /compliant septic systems a 3 year renewable extension on connecting to city services.
6. We request that for the 2024 areas, that the lot width regulations for Scott County Shoreland District apply, rather than the more restrictive Prior Lake regulations. Also, any existing lots of record within these areas will be grand fathered in. Any variances granted by the "Three Person Board" will also be grand fathered in.
7. Prior Lake should address the zoning ordinances on Industrial Parks. Your current regulations are driving businesses to less expensive/less restrictive locations. The SLT industrial park owners need assurances that their use will still be permitted after annexation. In other words, if their building burned down, they would be able to rebuild the same building.

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Park

8. Prior Lake agrees to develop and maintain the “Raymond Avenue” and “South Shore Drive” parks prior to annexation. Minimum improvement to the “Raymond Avenue” park to include: park pavilion, picnic tables, fishing pier, and a walking bridge to South Shore Drive. We can work out a timetable for these improvements.

Financial

9. If annexation is scheduled for 2007 or before, those residents will receive a phase-in. We propose a true 3 year step for those areas receiving a phase-in. For example for those areas annexed in 2004 there taxes would be: 2004 (township TWP rate), 2005 (TWP +25% of the difference between township and city, 2006 (TWP + 50% of the difference), 2007 (TWP + 75%), 2008 (full city rate).
10. Assessment credit policy on properties with newer septic systems. 20 year prorated credit. This would be on assessments for those being provided water and sewer.

Township related issues:

11. The Township requests a resolution from the County Commissioners addressing the change from Urban Expansion Reserve to Rural Residential for the area East of Vergus and North of 190th.
12. The reimbursement to the township on properties scheduled for annexation in 2008 to 2014 will be 2X times the township level of tax in the year of annexation, to be paid by Prior Lake in the year of annexation. Example: for 2008 year of annexation, 2008 SLT receives the normal tax payment from Scott County and 2X the TWP tax from Prior Lake.